

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)REPORT NO. TOPIC Unruh and Liebig SAG Plant in Leipzig

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1. An enterprise of the SAG Transmash, the former Unruh and Liebig Plant on 28 Naumburger Strasse in Leipzig (N 52/E 21) had to dismiss 300 lathe operators and fitters on 10 April 1951 because of an iron and steel shortage. *
2. The plant employees refused to attend a meeting called by the plant trade union management for 12 April 1951 because they believed that the meeting would only result in a further increase of work quotas. The plant management forced attendance at the meeting by shutting off the power supply. The plant workers were informed that wages would be reduced to the pay rate which had existed prior to the introduction of piece wages (Leistungslohn), though the increased work quotas would remain unchanged.

25X1A: Comment. This report indicates that the curtailment of legal and illegal shipments of iron and steel from West German to the Soviet Zone of Germany has caused production difficulties in the Soviet Zone metal industries. The reported plant produces mainly 25-ton and 50-ton railroad rotary cranes, equipped with Diesel engines which are supply by the Krupp Gruson SAG Plant in Magdeburg-Buckau. In September 1950 the reported plant employed about 1,800 men.

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